

MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS COMMITTEE

November 18, 1998
City Hall, Seventh Floor, Conference Room C
200 W. Washington Street
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Steve Ramsey for Steve Hogan, Scottsdale, Chairman	* Mike Branham, Surprise
Dave Sabers for Jim Book, Glendale	Ed VanDerGinst, Tempe
Brian Latte, Chandler	Manny Agah for Tim Wolfe, ADOT
Gary Thomas, Gilbert	Alan Hansen, FHWA
Pierre Pretorius, Maricopa County	Cydney DeModica, AAA Arizona
Alan Sanderson, Mesa	* Richard Traill, Phoenix Aviation
Mike Frisbie for Jim Matteson, Phoenix	
Scott Miller, RPTA	

* Members neither present nor represented by proxy

OTHERS PRESENT

Jessie Yung, FHWA
Sarath Joshua, MAG
Tom Callow, Phoenix
Brent Christian, Kimley-Horn & Associates

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Acting Chairman Gary Thomas.

2. Approval of the October 21, 1998 Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the October 21, 1998 meeting were unanimously approved.

3. Call to Audience

Chairman Thomas made a call to the audience providing an opportunity to members of the public address the ITS Committee. None in the audience addressed the Committee.

4. AZTech Update

Pierre Pretorius provided an update on the AZTech project. He indicated that the scope of work negotiations with private sector partners for AZTech Phase 2 projects are nearing completion. Projects are expected to be initiated by end of January. Mr. Pretorius also mentioned that the AZTech Team celebration held on November 17, 1998, at the Encanto Park.

5. ITS Rating System

A brief update on the status of the rating system was provided by Sarath Joshua. A three-part ITS Rating System is being developed by the ITS Rating System Subcommittee. Future ITS projects will be rated according to the project categories: Route Specific, Transit and Areawide. The methodology that will be followed in rating Areawide projects was described. In order for this system to be finalized it is necessary to identify priority areas for MAG jurisdictions. MAG staff and the subcommittee will continue to work on finalizing this component of the rating system.

6. Regional ITS Strategic Plan Update

Sarath Joshua distributed a draft scope of work for this project. He informed committee members that all of the comments received at last month's meeting have been addressed in this version of the scope of work. Chairman Thomas requested members to review the draft scope of work and provide any review comments to MAG in two weeks.

7. FMS & MAG Life Cycle Program

The committee was briefed by Sarath Joshua on an activity related to the inclusion on FMS projects in the MAG Life Cycle Program. Based upon a recommendation of this committee, the Transportation Review Committee(TRC) had approved the implementation of basic FMS infrastructure at the same time new freeways are built. In the past, FMS implementation had been incorporated in the MAG Life Cycle Program on a piecemeal basis. TRC had requested that MAG staff develop cost information on what it would take to incorporate full FMS implementation in the MAG Life Cycle Program. An FMS implementation schedule was developed based on ADOT construction schedule and traffic level of service "D" criteria used by ADOT. These costs were presented to the committee by Sarath Joshua. He indicated that the cost information will be presented at the next TRC meeting. Manny Agah commented that he had not reviewed these costs.

The committee suggested that MAG staff meet with ADOT staff to discuss cost figures and scheduling of FMS segments.

8. Regional Stakeholders Meeting

Chairman Thomas informed the committee that a transportation stakeholder meeting was scheduled

to be held at MAG at 2:00 p.m. in the afternoon. A brief discussion on regional ITS priorities ensued with the identification of the following projects as priorities:

- ITS Strategic Plan Update
- Developing a Regional a Communications Plan to Support ITS

9. Status Reports by Committee Members on ITS Activities

None.

10. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date was confirmed as December 16, 1998.

11. Other Items

Sarath Joshua sought feedback from committee members on two items:

1) Member interest in establishing an ITS webpage at the MAG website where committee activities and relevant ITS related information may be posted. There was general agreement that it was a good idea and Sarath was asked to follow-up on it.

2) A survey to identify ITS training needs for MAG member jurisdictions. Alan Hansen supported the idea and said the information generated would be helpful to FHWA for sponsoring training programs.

12. The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.